



Floating on back

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Floating on back – Tips and cues:

1. Often demonstrate standing up: Is it best to do like this (back arched and shoulders hunched over) or like that (back arched backward).
2. Arms and legs like a starfish.
3. Belly button up.
4. Hands above shoulders (or ears the back) which helps arch
5. Do you breathe through your forehead? Then you want nose higher than forehead.
6. Gently hold the back up. At same time check the spine is arched the correct way.
7. Especially with adults, a pool noodle under the small of the back and/or the legs can get them to get use to the position.
8. The average person's density is around 0.98! You want that 2% above to be nose & mouth.



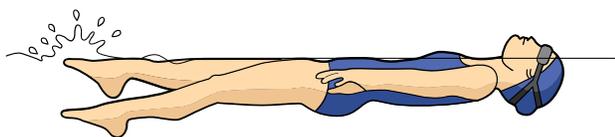
Torpedo Kick Kickboard

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Torpedo Kick Kickboard – Tips and cues

1. Look straight down, ears in the water top of head out of the water.
2. Really stretch from fingernails to toenails.
3. Point toes like a ballerina (or a diver with fins)
4. Small fast kicks.
5. Kick from straight legs the hips with fairly
6. Toes stay in the water – you don't get anywhere kicking air.
7. To stop pushing down – Put toy on board.
8. Can sometimes get kids to hold side of pool and stretch their toes out and ask them "can you feel the difference when legs stretched?" (Particularly Cerebral Palsy etc.) and if yes, "then feel like that all the time".





Soldier Kick

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Soldier Kick – Tips and cues

1. Do you breathe through your forehead? Then nose and mouth higher than forehead!
2. Look straight up (or slightly back), ears in the water.
3. Really of head to stretch from top toenails.
4. Point toes like a ballerina (or a diver with fins).
5. Kick from the hips with fairly straight legs.
6. Knees stay under the water.
7. Small fast kicks.



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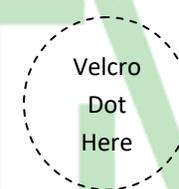


Glide

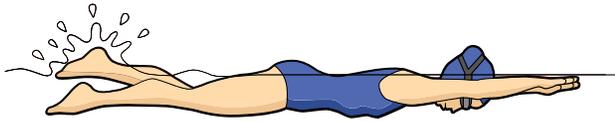
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Glide – Tips and cues

1. Let's see who can go the furthest
2. Stay on top of water, Noooo diving under!
3. Nose in water then push off wall with feet (stops them jumping up and diving in / under).
4. Look straight to bottom of pool with ears in the water.
5. No Kicking
6. No using your arms
7. Point toes like a ballerina (or a diver with fins) and stretch out.
8. No wiggly bottoms. (One aim is to develop stability of core and hips for breaststroke kick etc)
9. Need to tighten up tummy and bottom muscles (or butt cheeks and the little ones laugh)



your arms like a ballerina fins) and stretch out.

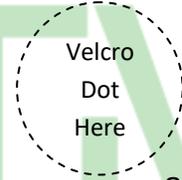


Torpedo Kick no board

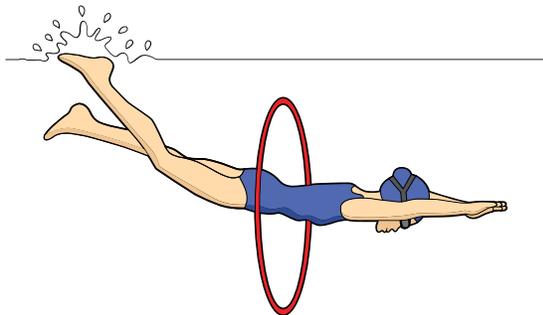
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Torpedo Kick no board – Tips and cues

1. Look straight down, ears in the water top of head out of the water.
2. Really stretch from fingernails to toenails.
3. Point toes like a ballerina (or a diver with fins).
4. Small fast
5. Kick from fairly straight
6. Toes stay you don't get air.
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legs
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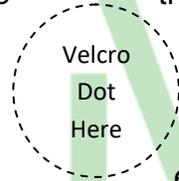


Torpedo Kick through Hula Hoop Below Surface

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Torpedo Kick through Hula Hoop Below Surface - Tips and cues

1. The aim is to help them manage buoyancy and continue to get use to submersing.
2. Some buoyant kids may struggle so get them to jump up then down to submerge and push off wall
3. Most will need use legs (as use legs use legs use legs) use arms and reminders to want them to efficiently
4. Hands pointing down or up will help them go down or up.



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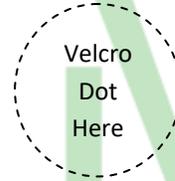


Sinky toys Pick up / Retrieve

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Sinky toys Pick up / Retrieve - Tips and cues

1. Initially it is like collecting floating toys and develop confidence moving in the water.
2. The put the toys (progressively deeper) chest height in water so that kids have to submerge face.
3. Some use as many get them to submerged (game).
 4. More advanced kids you may throw them and do torpedo kick till above toy then dive down to retrieve (i.e. develop skill and silky toy just fun component).
5. Eventually you will teach duck diving in deeper water.



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Fitting Goggles



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Goggles - Tips and cues

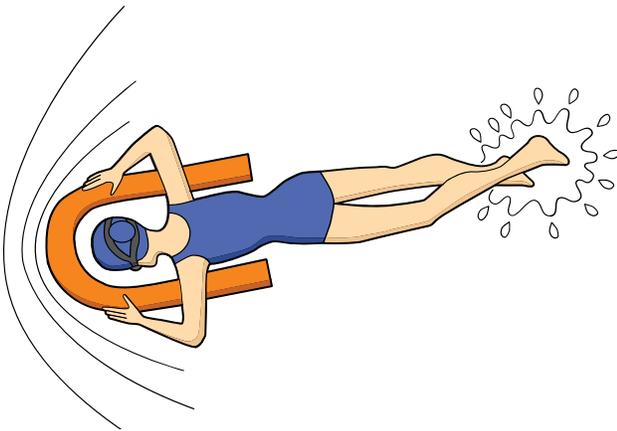
1. Goggles should be able to fit on face and when pushed onto eyes stay in place for short time without strap. i.e. ensure suction possible.
2. Everyone has different facial features (nose bridge width and height) which may render some goggles unsuitable.
3. Strap should be either side of larger width of head (girls with ponytail or hair in bun have hair in ponytail or bun is on larger width of head can be either side of the hair as well).
4. If goggles too tight they will give headaches and leave rings around eyes (so not too tight).
5. Many kids will have straps down close to neck (and will then slip down further). See internet for fitting instructions e.g.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQk9QFN0S7Q>

Speed boats (face down)



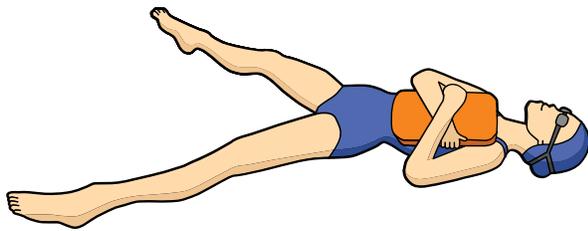
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Speed boats - Tips and cues

1. This is an early stage exercise (before a kickboard) for effective leg kicking and straightening legs.
2. The kids will feel more supported with the pool noodle.
3. Ears in water and eyes straight down.
4. You may speed boat find you can get races going.



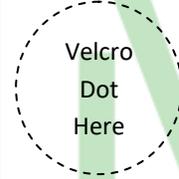
Float on back with kick board



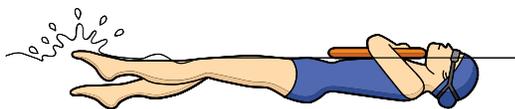
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Float on back with kick board - Tips and cues

1. This is an early step to floating without assistance and many of the same cues apply.
2. People at this level need to learn body control in water and learn to relax and be comfortable.
3. Emphasis may be on with chin to sink the bum under.



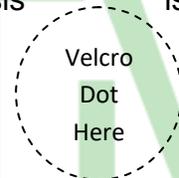
Soldier kick with kickboard



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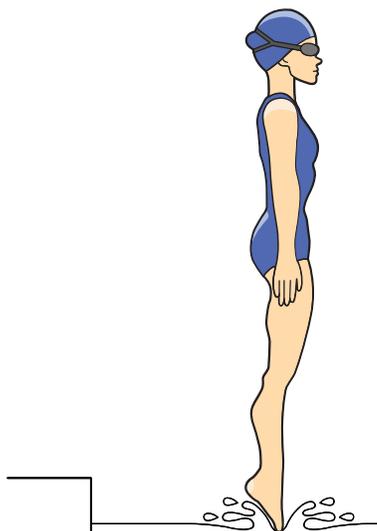
Soldier kick with Kickboard - Tips and cues

1. This is often after the “Speed boats looking at ceiling” and “Float on back with kick board.
2. This is before soldier kick (on Back)
3. The emphasis is again on straightening the legs.
4. Make sure head on side and they do not hit of pool (or trust confidence will be broken).



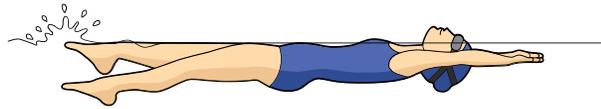
Pin Drop – Tips and cues

1. First step in getting kids use to jumping into deeper water.
2. Get them to jump up and down without using knees at side of pool first.
3. Aim is to teach them control to keep legs straight.
4. My need to initially. hold one hand
5. Some kids (sometimes will leap out landing on your face) so be ready.
6. Drop through a hula hoop can help them jump out from wall and more fun.
7. Caution: Make sure they do not leap legs forward and hit head on side of pool (not happened to me but often keep hand at side of pool to be sure)!



Pin Drop

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Torpedo Kick on back

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Torpedo Kick on Back – Tips and cues

1. Normally taught after soldier kick.
2. Similar tips as soldier kick except
3. Really stretch from fingertips to toenails
4. Ensure elbows under water (or effects buoyancy and face goes under)
5. Very difficult especially lockdowns exercise could not get to stand up, raise arms out to side palms of hands facing down. Stretch the arms back to contract back and stretch out chest muscles then raise arms above head (very few need as homework).

Velcro
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for some kids following covid as lacking and (maybe 30%) arms back. If